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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 904

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN REQUESTS PASSPORTS FOR HIS CHILDREN
IN VIETNAM

REF: A) STATE 152319, B) HONG KONG 7555, C) HONG KONG MEMO, MAY
11.

1. CONGEN NOTES DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION THAT ANNA AND CATHERINE
LLANOS HAVZVALID CLAIM TO UNTIED STATES CITIZENSHIP (REF A).

2. AS REPORTED IN REF MESSAGES, LEON LLANOS, FATHER OF CHILDREN,
IS DEPARTING FROM BANGKOK TO HANOI ON JUNE 19 AS PART OF
FIVE-MAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATION AND WILL BE
IN VIETNAM AS OFFICIAL GUEST OF VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.
DURING THIS VISIT LLANOS EXPECTS TO MEET WITH VIETNAMESE
OFFICIALS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND PLANS TO RAISE THE
QUESTION OF HIS DAUGHTERS' DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM. TO DO THIS
HE MUST BE ABLE TO PRESENT DOCUMENTATION INDICATING THAT HIS
CHILDREN ARE, IN FACT, AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ARE ABLE TO
TRAVEL TO THE UNITES STATES.

3. LLANOS IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF
HIS CHILDREN SINCE HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY ARE BEING
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DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE THEY ARE AMERICANS.

4. CONGEN REALIZES THAT SRV HAS MIXED RECORD ON ASSISTING
SUCH CASES, BUT HAS MADE COOPERATIVE GESTURES IN RESPONSE
TO DIRECT PERSONAL APPEALS. WHILE WE ARE AWARE OF PERSONAL
APPEARANCE REQUIREMENT FOR TIRST-TIME APPLICANT, WE
RECOMMEND THAT GIVEN THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF

THIS CASE, AN EXCEPTION BE MADE TO NORMAL PROCEDURES AND
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO LLANOS'
CHILDREN DURING FATHER'S ENT VISIT SO HE CAN TAKE
PASSPORTS WITH HIM TO VIETNAM.
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